

Printing Office,

177, Great Brunswick-street,

Dublin, 8th of April 1861

Dear Sirs — Your letter, via R. S. Grimes, has come to hand announcing the approach of the book — which, however, has not yet appeared. As soon as it comes, I shall have my best attention. Meanwhile I want you addressed in a matter that I should have written about long before. It has been for a good while on my master's mind that she would like to see a readable copy of *Her Beau* published on this side of the ocean. Redshatto's book is in very bad taste, full of verbiage & extravagant talk and contains much irrelevant matter. It is badly bound & badly managed. The word part is fully displayed in large type — & *Beau*, trial & letters, which are the cream of the whole, are printed in type so small that it is difficult to read it. There is also some trashy poetry & a great quantity

of needles blank paper which had better
have been suspended in making the
work for larger type where required.

By this, &c, I desire the book has re-
written & greatly improved the beginning
of Redpath's book - bringing events
at these proper places, and carrying
down the style. I have been abridging
the latter portion by marking out needles,
paragraphs, words, phrases, incidents
& observations, trying to give Macaulay
much prominence & Redpath a little
as possible. The intention is to make
the book as cheap as is consistent with
sufficient fulness in the narration &
to fit character for the cut from attempting
the publication. Wish I intended, I bethen,
to help in this way. I had an idea
that in addition to this book Redpath
published another containing supplementary
information especially from his con-
federates. Perhaps he only spoke of
doing so. As looking over the Standard
I have not been able to find no mention
of this book & it may have been all a dream.

My present object is to ask if you know of
any such information, & to send it to me
as to be had with as little delay as possible
in order that I may appear in the
book & re publish it. There was a
cabled article in the Standard ab
the time of the Parker Gray affair
in which the view of the abolitionists
with regard to it was admirably
set forth. This, I think should give
you any information that can be
readily obtained respecting the extent
of affection which was extended to
J. B.'s family, and that's present circum-
stances as far as it would be right to
mention them. I doubt if any ho-
spital ever sacrificed a soul like them
to his own vanity, more completely, than
did Redpath. What a bark his child
would have uttered if she had had the
chance.

To me here it seems that the truth has
now a grand opportunity of showing her
leaved street load off her shoulder if
she had the ^{spirit on virtue} [chance]. But there are
men so blind as those that won't see. —

Friends have an opportunity of
seeing Fraser's (London Monthly Magazine)
in Boston. If so, you will like the first
article called The American Slave.
I have selected from capital extracts from
the best authorities. Also some valuable
testimony respecting the British West
Indies from a very much more valuable
last year by Charles Buxton, M.P. a
son of the eminent Sir Frank Buxton.
It is the fullest & most interesting
testimony as to the extraordinary
improvement in all respects, & finally
from the abolition of Slavery in those
islands I have ever seen. If you are
able conveniently to sit in the opera-
room I wish to show you with great
delight a its prompt transmission.
Perhaps some Boston booksellers would
send it over London - perhaps it had
better come direct by some Rail Company
to the slaves. I have a great interest to
insure it getting a few weeks ago.
It is long since I heard from Mr Chapman
but will try to see him

Yours most truly Yours R. Webb